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SUBJECT: US\$42 MILLION PROGRAM TO UPGRADE NATIONALLY-OWNED
SUGAR FACTORIES

REF: KINGSTON A-106, JUNE 1975

1. THE NATIONAL SUGAR COMPANY HAS EMBARKED ON A PROGRAM TO UPGRADE SUGAR FACTORIES WHICH IT OWNS UNDER A PROGRAM ESTIMATED TO COST US\$42 MILLION . THE FINANCES WILL COME FROM A US\$18 MILLION LOAN FROM THE WORLD BANK (IBRD) AND US\$24 MILLION FROM LOCAL SOURCES. THE IBRD LOAN IS TO MEET OFFSHORE EXPENSES MAINLY FOR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT. IT WAS RECENTLY NEGOTIATED BY THE SUGAR INDUSTRY AUTHORITY AFTER IT HAD DEVELOPED A PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING SUGAR FACTORIES. IBRD APPROVAL WAS GRANTED IN DECEMBER 1977.

2. THE NATIONAL SUGAR COMPANY HAS CALLED FOR TENDERS FOR EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ISLAND'S THREE LARGEST SUGAR PLANTS. THESE ARE FROME, MONYMUSK AND BERNARD LODGE. THE TENDERS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COMPANY NOT LATER THAN MIDDAY MARCH 7, 1978.

3. FOR SEVERAL YEARS THERE HAS BEEN PERSISTENT CLAIM BY CANE FARMERS AND OTHERS THAT THE EFFICIENCY OF THE COUNTRY'S SUGAR PLANTS HAS DETERIORATED TO SUCH AN EXTENT
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THAT AVAILABLE GRINDING TIME HAD BEEN REDUCED BY SOME 40 PERCENT BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. THREE OF THE FACTORIES WHICH HAVE STARTED GRINDING FOR 1978 HAVE ALREADY LOST AN AVERAGE 22 PERCENT OF AVAILABLE TIME. TENDER DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

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